

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald W. Jones, on February 2, 2017 at 8:45 AM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Donald W. Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)
Sen. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Shauna Albrecht, Legislative Branch
Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Montana University System Research Initiative and
Research and Service Agencies

**MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RESEARCH INITIATIVE AND
RESEARCH AND SERVICE AGENCIES**

00:00:36 Shauna Albrecht, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a01\)](#)

00:00:51 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Montana University System (MUS), Office of
the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a03\)](#)

00:02:01 Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting

00:04:42 Sen. Whitford joined the meeting

00:05:24 John Cech, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

00:11:10 Clayton Christian, MUS, OCHE

00:14:19 Janelle Booth, Montana University System (MUS)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a04\)](#)

00:17:59 Jovanka Voyich, One Medicine, Montana State University (MSU)

00:24:10 Sen. Gauthier

00:24:25 Jovanka Voyich, One Medicine, MSU

00:25:19 Chair D. Jones

00:25:44 Joseph Shaw, Optical Technology Center, Montana State University (MSU)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a05\)](#)

00:31:53 Sen. Whitford

00:32:29 Joseph Shaw, Optical Technology Center, MSU

00:32:54 Sen. Whitford

00:33:30 Luke Mauritsen, Montana Instruments

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a06\)](#)

00:38:22 Rep. Hamlett

00:38:45 Luke Mauritsen, Montana Instruments

00:39:05 Rep. Hamlett

00:39:58 Thomas Rau, University of Montana (UM)

00:45:24 Rep. Woods

00:46:07 Thomas Rau, UM

00:46:42 Sen. Whitford

00:47:15 Thomas Rau, UM

00:48:20 Sen. Whitford

00:48:56 Rep. Hamlett

00:49:23 Chair D. Jones

00:49:45 Erik Guzik, VAST: Next Generation Learning

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a08\)](#)

00:54:26 Chair D. Jones

00:54:30 Erik Guzik, VAST: Next Generation Learning

00:55:13 Barry Jacobsen, Montana State University (MSU)

01:01:26 Taylor Brown, Self

EXHIBIT(jeh24a09)

01:06:35 Rep. Woods
01:07:05 Taylor Brown, Self
01:08:10 Sen. Whitford
01:08:32 Barry Jacobsen, MSU
01:10:23 Rep. Hamlett
01:11:19 Taylor Brown, Self
01:12:09 Rep. Hamlett
01:12:29 Chair D. Jones
01:12:42 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance for Mental Illness Montana (NAMI)
01:17:46 Ben Franklin, Sands Unmanned Aviation Training and Services (SUATS)

EXHIBIT(jeh24a10)

01:27:48 Rep. Hamlett
01:28:10 Ben Franklin, SUATS
01:28:41 Rep. Hamlett
01:29:00 Ben Franklin, SUATS
01:29:29 Randy Hiebert, Montana Emergent Technologies (MET)

EXHIBIT(jeh24a11)**EXHIBIT(jeh24a12)**

01:34:13 Rep. Woods
01:35:26 Randy Hiebert, MET
01:36:03 Sen. Gauthier
01:36:30 Randy Hiebert, MET
01:37:37 Clayton Christian, MUS, OCHE
01:39:17 Chair D. Jones

01:39:48 Recess
01:47:38 Reconvene

01:48:15 Clayton Christian, MUS, OCHE
01:49:06 Shauna Albrecht, LFD

EXHIBIT(jeh24a13)

01:50:46 Chair D. Jones
01:50:59 John Culbertson, Montana Fire Service
01:54:57 Rep. Hamlett
01:55:25 Chris Hindoien, Fire Service Training School (FSTS) Advisory Council
01:56:58 Chair D. Jones
01:57:22 Leonard Lundby, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)
01:59:15 Brad Mohn, Hamilton Fire Department
01:59:28 Robert Drake, Tri-Lakes Fire
01:59:41 Shane Grube, Hebgen Basin Fire District
02:00:00 Nate Curtis, Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)
02:00:13 Ken Hanks, Vaughn Volunteer Fire Department (VFD)
02:00:34 Jim Knapp, Corvallis Rural Fire District
02:01:08 Scott Hackett, Victor Fire Department
02:01:27 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Grain Elevators Association

02:02:06 Jeff Bader, Montana State University (MSU) Extension

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a14\)](#)

02:07:18 Dave Kelsey, Self

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a15\)](#)

02:11:57 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

02:13:57 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

02:16:53 Jamie Doggett, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET)

02:20:08 Taylor Brown, Self

02:23:22 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association

02:24:54 Chelsea Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

02:27:02 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

02:29:31 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA), Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

02:30:43 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

02:31:20 Rep. Burnett

02:32:01 Rep. McKamey

02:33:44 Taylor Brown, Self

02:35:32 Tom DeLuca, University of Montana (UM)

02:42:01 Sen. Gauthier

02:44:05 Tom DeLuca, UM

02:44:57 Sen. Whitford

02:49:49 Tom DeLuca, UM

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a16\)](#)

02:50:17 Paula Short, University of Montana (UM)

02:51:57 Charles Boyer, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES), Montana State University (MSU)

03:00:13 Dale Schuler, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET), Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Advisory Council (MAES)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh24a17\)](#)

03:02:59 Chair D. Jones

03:03:12 Marcus Vogel, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Board (MAES)

03:05:35 Pam Linker, Central Ag Research Center, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Board (MAES), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

03:06:39 Todd Hansen, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station Committee (MAES)

03:08:03 Dave Kelsey, Advisory Committee of Southern Ag Research Center

03:10:30 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

03:11:28 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association

03:12:07 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

03:12:30 Chelsea Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

03:13:20 Rep. Burnett

03:13:30 Marcus Vogel, MAES

03:13:54 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

03:18:41 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

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03:20:07 Chelsea Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Association
of Conservation Districts (MACD)
03:21:06 Clayton Christian, MUS, OCHE
03:21:42 Rep. Hamlett
03:25:23 Rep. Woods
03:27:00 Sen. Gauthier
03:28:03 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
03:28:26 Sen. Whitford
03:30:12 Rep. Hamlett
03:33:09 Chair D. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:33:59

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jeh24aad.pdf](#))